



Amazing Africa



Reception Spring 2

In our topic this half term we will be focusing on Africa and using the story 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'.

Reminder!
Please send a labelled water bottle in with your child each day.
Could you also send a pair of wellies into school.
Check your child's PE kit is labelled. Our PE day is Friday.

Literacy
This half term we will practise writing our surnames correctly. The children will consolidate blending and segmenting sounds to read and write words including blending previously learnt digraphs (2 letters making only 1 sound eg: oa, ar, ai, or etc). We will continue to enjoy a variety of stories linked to our story of the week. We will use these books to inspire writing opportunities for example writing letters to Mama Panya, lists of animals and writing shopping lists. Children will continue to practise their reading skills, in school and at home. Please read with your child every night– it really makes a huge difference!

Mathematics
This half term we will introduce the process of estimating and comparing groups using mathematical language of more, less, fewer, sharing and halving etc. Children will consolidate their understanding of number bonds to 10 as well as practically adding and subtracting. We will also explore repeating patterns.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
We will be discussing other cultures and comparing lifestyles. We will look at similarities and differences.

Understanding the World
Children will learn about Africa and discuss people who live in different parts of the world and how their lives are different. Children will explore and taste a variety of exotic fruits and share opinions. We will explore African animals and their patterns.

Expressive Art and Design
We will be drawing maps of our local area and comparing with African villages from our stories. Children will experiment with mixing different colours for painting an African animal pattern.

Physical Development
Indoor and Outdoor play will stimulate imagination and gross motor skills. Children will continue to experiment with different movement skills including, throwing, catching, patting, kicking and striking. Children will also use African music to move in a variety of ways.

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